

Menomonie Urban Forestry Minutes

Jan. 17, 2018

Members Present:

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

John Anshus (1.5 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Joe Jax (2 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (18 hrs.)

Mike Smith (2 hrs.)

Others Present: Randy Eide, Bruce Heath, Dick Henning, John Johnson, and Sue Hitz

Acceptance of November 15th Minutes: Mike Schendel made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Cindy Gilberts. Carried on voice vote.

DNR Grant Updates: DNR accepted the report. The deadline for the financial part will be due by March. The comments on the project were: lots of materials left, maintenance of benches will need oil. (Dick Henning will follow up on the maintenance) Six benches will be installed in the disc golf course and one will be installed at the Leisure Center. The project will continue this spring.

Discuss number of Benches and Locations: The committee approves to place a bench in other city parks when available.

Lumberjack Removal/Condition: Shefchik removed the lumberjack with the help of four employees from the street department. There was a large hole in the center of the lumberjack that was rotten. We are looking for options to support the lumberjack. The lumberjack will be put back in the spring.

The total volunteer hours for 2017 was 269.5 hours. A large amount of this total was spent on the DNR Grant.

Pruning Schedule: The street department was doing quite well until the cold weather set in. Tainter is done, Stout is partly done at this time.

Emerald Ash Borer Update: Currently not here, closest is Chippewa Falls.

Park Superintendent Report: Phelan Park and the Tech Park Trail are pruned. Currently moving snow and flooding ice rinks. Dick Henning requested to attend the conference in Green Bay. A motion was made by John Anshus and seconded by Mike Smith for Dick to attend. Dick will report at the next meeting about the conference. Motion carried on voice vote.

City Council Report:

1. Urban Forestry Budget Status: The budget was passed as submitted.
2. The City will be purchasing the old Bremer parking lot
3. Elections-even wards will be up for re-election and also the Mayor
4. April 27th-Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Recognition Day
5. Red Cedar Bridge repairs will begin in April, 2018

Items for next meeting agenda: Arbor Day, business recognition suggestions and persons, report on Dick's conference.

Next meeting: Feb. 21st at 2 P. M. at the City Hall Conference Room

A motion was made by Nancy Schofield and seconded by John Anshus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sue Hitz.

